

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
June 11, 2018  
6:00 pm**

Public Hearings took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, June 11, 2018.

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to application number 0118 by Gerald Thompson, for an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. It is desired and requested that the following property be rezoned from M-R City to R-9 City. The address of the property is 172 Wilson Avenue, Fitzgerald, Georgia. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Puckett asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to application number 0117 by Candice McDaniel, for an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. It is desired and requested the following property be annexed and rezoned from R-9 County to R-9 City. The address of the property is 230 Dewey McGlamry Road, Fitzgerald, Georgia. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Puckett asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting immediately following the Public Hearing with Mayor Puckett presiding and with Council members Coney, Griffin, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Roberts, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of May 4, 2018, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Johnson made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council Person Coney. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Puckett asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett welcomed all in attendance: Brad King and Johnny Pope.

Under reports of city officers, Mayor Puckett called attention to the calendar items. Items of interest to take note: movie camp this week, we had arts camp last week, June 17 is Father's Day and GMA convention begins June 22. He asked if there were any questions of the department heads and with none moved to special committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson. Council Person Tillman requested Chief Smallwood speak on the recent Washington D. C. trip. Police Chief, Bill Smallwood, thanked everyone for the opportunity to take the officer of the year to the Law Enforcement Memorial Week. This year, Kevin Griffith, was our officer of the year. We were able to spend the week in DC, see all the sites, walk over 40 miles, and experience the Candlelight Vigil with approximately 50,000 officers. Chief Smallwood stated this ceremony is very moving.

We also received a report from Fire Chief, Jeffery Dobbins. Chief Dobbins reported we took possession of a new state of the art, top of the line fire truck. We are all happy about this new addition and encourage everyone to come see the new Engine 2.

Council Person Neesa Williams presented an alcohol license for Ri & Zi, located at 215 E Sultana Drive, for beer and wine only. This application has been through the proper channels of the Sheriff and Police Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Williams made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none heard moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett called on Counselor Kyle Cook.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance 18-1518**: an **Ordinance** to amend the City of Fitzgerald Zoning district map with respect to 2.35 acres, more or less, in five acre tract 845, in land lot number 150, in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 230 Dewey McGlamry Road, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto; to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to rezone said property from R-9 (county) to R-9 (city).

Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 18-1518** Council Person Coney moved to approve **Ordinance 18-1518** seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance 18-1519**, an **Ordinance** to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 4.5 acres, more or less, in land lot number 150, in the third land district of Ben Hill county, Georgia, located at 172 Wilson Avenue, Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750, in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia; to rezone said property from M-R (city) to R-9 (city). Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Roberts. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 18-1519** Council Person Webb motioned to accept **Ordinance 18-1519** seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance 18-1520** an **Ordinance** to close to vehicular traffic that certain alley that lies adjacent to and immediately North of lot 89 in Deerwood Subdivision, first addition, in land lot 180 in the third land district in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia; to abandon said alley; to sell and convey said alley to one or more of the adjoining landowners according to the procedures established by law, subject to the reservation of an easement with respect to the maintenance, repair and replacement of all utilities located over, upon or under all or any portion of said alley. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Puckett

asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 18-1520** Council Person Webb motioned to accept **Ordinance 18-1520** seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution R18-013**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald authorizing the execution and filing of an answer on behalf of the City of Fitzgerald to a bond validation proceeding that has been or will be file by MEAG in the superior court of Fulton County, Georgia, in which the City of Fitzgerald gives its consent to the court granting to MEAG the relief prayed for in said proceeding; to ratify all action taken in conformity with the proposed and intention of this resolution. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Johnson. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion, and with none, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Resolution R18-013**. Council Person Coney motioned to accept **Resolution R18-013** seconded by Council Person Johnson. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for consideration to reappoint John Luckie to the DLS Board for another term. Council Person Johnson motioned to accept the appointment of John Luckie, seconded by Council Person Roberts. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion, and with none, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for consideration of Neesa Williams to be the GMA voting delegate for the upcoming GMA Convention. We suggested Albert Webb, but Mr. Webb asked that Mrs. Williams take this voting position. With this stated, Mayor Puckett asked for a motion. Council Person Johnson motioned to accept Neesa Williams as voting delegate, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion, and with none, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion approved.** Council Person Neesa Williams abstaining from vote.

Mayor Puckett thanked everyone for attending and noted how important these meetings were. He continuously receives positive feedback from the community and wants to continue doing what is best for our City.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



*Christina Williams*

APPROVED:

*J. Puckett*

MAYOR

**CITY CLERK**